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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

| Office Action Summary | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
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 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 September 2006.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-31 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____ . 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) Other: ____ .

DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to papers filed on September 9, 2006.

No claims have been amended.

Claims 1-31 are pending.

Claims 1-31 are rejected.

The rejections made in papers mailed April 18, 2006 have been withdrawn and a new basis of rejections have been set forth below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1-7, 9-20, 22-27 and 29-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US 20020032659 A1 Waters; System and Method for Obtaining and Developing Technology for Market
2. As to claims 1, 11, 22, 29 and 31 Waters teaches:
 - Receiving information regarding inventive ideas(Pg. 3 ¶ 6).
 - Categorizing the information by industry(Pg. 3 ¶ 20).
 - Evaluating invention potential(Pg. 3 ¶ 19).
 - Providing database of information to potential customers of inventions(Pg. 3 ¶ 19).
3. As to claims 2, 12 and 23 Waters teaches the evaluation as prior art searches (Pg. 3 ¶ 19).

4. As to claims 3, 13 and 26 Waters teaches the computer processing controlling the interactions between users(Pg. 3 ¶18).
5. As to claims 4, 15 and 24 Waters being possibilities for funding(Pg. 5 ¶31).
6. As to claims 9 and 17 Waters teaches indicating current patent art pertaining to invention(Pg. 4 ¶24).
7. As to claims 10 and 18 Waters teaches controlling access to the customers(Pg. 5 ¶30).
8. As to claims 7, 20 and 27 Waters teaches paying inventor royalties(Pg. 5 ¶30).
9. As to claim 14 Waters teaches anonymity between users(Pg. 3 ¶17).
10. As to claim 16 Waters teaches refining invention after initial evaluation(Pg. 4 ¶21).
11. As to claim 25 Waters teaches experts(humans) reviewing inventions(Pg. 3 ¶19). The examiner notes that this limitation, although taught by the prior art, is considered intended use. By having a human perform functions of the process is merely how applicant intends to use the process.
12. As to claim 30 Waters teaches a company running the databases.(Pg. 4 ¶ 26).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

13. Claims 8, 21 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 20020032659 A1 Waters as applied to claims 1-7, 9-20, 22-27 and 29-31.
14. As to claims 8, 21 and 28 Waters teaches a information disclosure process and disclosure review. However, Waters fails to teach translating information into the

desired languages. It would have been obvious to one of skill in the art at the time of invention to combine this limitation with Waters so as to not limit the type or nationality of customers who may be interested in funding an invention.

Response to Arguments

15. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-31 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

16. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

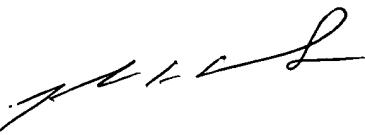
US 7043454 Powell; Method and Apparatus for Cryptographically Assisted Commercial Network System Designed to Facilitate Idea Submission, Purchase and Licensing and Innovation Transfer.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Traci L. Smith whose telephone number is 571-272-6809. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00 am-4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on 571-272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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